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http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow/news2005/garrett_complaint.pdf
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LAKE OZARK PHYSICIAN PAYS \$85,000 IN SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Lake Ozark, Mo., physician has agreed to pay \$85,000 to settle a federal complaint that alleges he violated the Controlled Substances Act.

Thomas H. Garrett, M.D., 66, of Osage Beach, Mo., who practices at the Lake Convenience Clinic, 100 College Blvd., in Lake Ozark, entered into a settlement agreement with the government today. Under the terms of that agreement, **Garrett** will pay \$85,000 to the United States, after which the government will dismiss a federal complaint that was filed on Friday, Dec. 16, 2005.

The three-count complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Kansas City alleges that **Garrett** violated various record-keeping procedures required for controlled substances. The complaint sought \$1 million in civil penalties.

Under the terms of today's settlement agreement, **Garrett** is eligible to reapply for a license to prescribe Schedule III, IV and V controlled substances. One year after the date this agreement is signed, **Garrett** will be eligible to reapply for a Schedule II license. **Garrett** does not admit any liability to the United States, and in fact expressly denies any such liability.

This case is being handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jane Pansing Brown.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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